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OF THE HOTELS

AT THE HOTELS

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M. S. Potter of Atlanta is among the arrivals at the Hillman.
Paul Waddell of New Orleans is at the Florence.
W. P. Thompson of Guntersville is stopping at the Florence.
A. W. Darby of Florence is at the Florence.
J. K. James of Memphis is registered at the Birmingham.
J. A. Evans of Goodwater is stopping at the Birmingham.
A. G. McMullan of Atlanta is registered at the Birmingham.
H. Whitsman of Montgomery is stopping at the Metropolitan.
A. H. Smith of Childersburg is registered at the Metropolitan.
S. C. Hanner of Knoxville is stopping at the Metropolitan.
W. H. Ayres of Atlanta is registered at the Morris.
H. S. Long of Jasper is stopping at the Morris.
A. E. Ledyard of Poll City is among the arrivals at the Morris.

FIRE DAMAGES JAFJE HOUSE

Was Occupied by F. G. Appel—The Damage Amounts to About \$1500

A house belonging to M. Jaffe, and occupied by F. G. Appel, an employee of the Standard Oil company, situated at 917 Woodland avenue, caught fire yesterday afternoon and was nearly destroyed before the fire department was notified.

Firemen exercising the horses in the street in front of fire station No. 7 saw the blaze and went to the fire on a still alarm. When they got there they found that the entire roof of the house was ablaze, and that the roofs of two adjoining houses had caught fire. Captain Johnson called out companies Nos. 2 and 3 to help him. They confined the fire to the Appel house, which sustained a damage of \$1500. None of the contents of the house, on which there was \$750 insurance, were destroyed. The insurance on the house could not be ascertained as Mr. Jaffe, the owner, is not in the city.

The damage to the other two houses, did not amount to anything. After the fire was out on the Jaffe house, firemen, looking about the house for more fire, discovered a cat in a closet which was not even wet and looking as unconcerned as if nothing had ever happened. The fire started in the basement of the house from an overheated furnace and ran up the walls to the roof.

Real Estate Transfers
Deeds were placed on record in the probate office yesterday showing the following transfers of property, the consideration being \$1000 or more:

\$1250—Thomas R. Walker and wife to T. F. Ware, lot 3 in block 1, according to J. H. Edwards' subdivision of a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 2, township 18, range 4 west.
\$1065—Hugh Ritter to Frank E. Thompson, lots 3 and 4 in block 27, according to the map and survey of the Central Park Land company.
\$1200—The Ensley Land company to W. T. Dugger and Lillie Dugger, lots 22 and 23 in block 12-F, according to the Ensley Land company's second addition to Ensley.

A. B. C. EXCURSION YESTERDAY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

What the Chamber of Commerce Learned About Big Local Industry

VISITED THE THREE DIFFERENT PLANTS

All Greatly Interested in Methods of Making Pies, Bread, Candies and Other Goods—Volume of Output Astounding

What the Chamber of Commerce excursionists learned about the American Bakeries Candy company. The daily output is: 2000 pounds of Merita hand dipped chocolates. 2500 pounds of machine covered chocolate creams. 12,000 pounds of cream centers for bonbons and chocolates. 6000 pounds of stick candy. 1000 pounds of hand made fancy bonbons. 1000 boxes of penny goods. 10,000 pounds of jelly gum drops. 30,000 packages of Merita biscuits. 10,000 sugar cookies. 20,000 fancy loaf cakes. 6000 assorted pies. 75,000 loaves of bread. 145 dozen cinnamon rolls. 11 dozen pocketbook rolls. 170 dozen biscuits. 625 bars. 30,000 packages of lemon snaps. Various amounts of cakes of all kinds upon special orders.

The excursion instituted yesterday by the Chamber of Commerce to the American Bakeries Candy company's chain of candy, cracker and bakery factories was a genuine success.

The personnel of the tourists was drawn from the business, professional and political circles of the city and the number and enthusiasm of the persons responding to the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce to make this trip exceeded the expectations of those most directly concerned with the happy results of the excursion. The attendance was estimated at between 75 and 90 people.

Committee in Charge

The members of the special committee of the Chamber of Commerce appointed by President Richard W. Massey to establish the custom of visiting the manufacturing plants of this district for the purpose of seeing just what Birmingham is doing, include Oscar C. Turner, chairman; J. A. Gorham, J. A. Millison, J. E. Ramsey and George C. Oliver. The idea of making these get together tours of the local plants was originated by Oscar C. Turner. The excursionists assembled at the Chamber of Commerce building at 2:30 o'clock and marched en masse to the first plant on Avenue A and Twentieth street, the home of the Merita chocolates, where the officials of the American Bakeries Candy company and their reception committee formally gave the visitors "the glad hand." Here the sight of the cone shaped creamers receiving their continual chocolate shower bath through a machine that does the work of 25 persons, the embulator department, where the hand dipped chocolates play hide and seek



OSCAR C. TURNER
Chairman of the Industrial Excursion Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Which Arranged the American Bakeries Candy Trip of Yesterday Afternoon

through the nimble fingers of a group of girls, and the magical transformation of great masses of sticky sweetness into red and white bars unfolded itself in a panorama of motions, that was both a new and unique experience for many of those present.

The hosts were ably represented by the president, J. E. Ramsey; Vice President

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HANDSOME HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE



EDGEWOOD RESIDENCE OF STEPHEN SMITH
Was Totally Destroyed by Fire Yesterday Morning. Mr. Smith Announces He Will Rebuild

KENTUCKY COLONELS STRIKE BIRMINGHAM IN LARGE BUNCHES

Some Picturesque Figures in the Hotel Corridors Here Yesterday

TALK ON SUBJECTS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Proud of Kentucky's Native Son, Mr. Underwood—Birmingham Juleps Are Not Up to the Standard

Kentucky, by her colonels, was well represented in Birmingham yesterday. At the Hillman were Col. Horace Henderson and Col. Edward K. Burks of Lexington. At the Morris was Col. Dick Stewart of Louisville. At the Florence was Col. Jim Clay of Owensboro. At the Metropolitan was Col. John Flournoy of Winchester. At the Birmingham was Col. Henry James of Jackson, the capital of Breathitt county.

Each of the distinguished gentlemen was dressed similarly with broad hats, Prince Albert coats and gray trousers. Each wore whiskers of the same cut, and each with his quaint "suh" reminded of the other.

"It was by the merest accident, suh," declared Col. Edward K. Burks of Lexington, "that we spruik Birmingham at the same moment. As a matter of fact, with the exception of Col. Horace Henderson, who lives with me in Lexington, I am not acquainted with either of the other gentlemen. We are here chiefly on business, although we have been compelled to talk much of our fellow Kentuckian, Oscar W. Underwood."

At this moment, Col. Horace Henderson interrupted. "Yes, suh," said he, "as Col. Edward Burks says, Underwood is essentially a Kentuckian. The fact that he was born in Kentucky is of little importance. That, suh, was the merest accident. But it falls to the lot of few born without the boundry lines of our great state, suh, to acquire the distinguished poise that is characteristic of Underwood. Had I never known that he was born in the region of the blue grass, suh, and had I come upon him unexpectedly, I would have instantly perceived that he was a son of Kentucky."

Col. Dick Stewart of Louisville admits that he is in the racing business. "That is, suh," he said, "I was. The prohibitionists have not only endeavored to prevent thoroughbreds from taking their juleps, but they have also endeavored to prevent gentlemen from racing their thoroughbreds. It is disgusting, suh, and I am often alarmed at the extremes to which these alleged reformers, suh, are attempting to go."

Is Wilson Republican?

Col. Jim Clay of Owensboro was at the Florence. He is a Woodrow Wilson republican. "Yes, suh," said he, "I am a republican. I am also going to support Woodrow Wilson. He is the finest specimen of a republican in the country today. He, suh, is clever. Some years ago, suh, with fine spirit, he expressed a wish that someone from Kentucky would knock Mr. Bryan into a cocked hat. And now, suh, behold him with his finger attached to the nose of Mr. Bryan, leading him wherever he will. That, suh, is in accordance with the spirit of Kentuckians. I prefer Wilson to Roosevelt, suh, because the latter has had two terms already. And Wilson stands for everything that Roosevelt stands for. There is no doubt of that, suh."

Col. John Flournoy was at the Metropolitan. "Vile liquor, suh, this they sell in Alabama," was his apology for the drink he offered the reporter. He then stated that it was none of the reporter's business that had brought him from the blue grass. "However, suh," he explained, "I mean no offense. My business is personal, purely personal, suh."

Defends Breathitt County

Col. Henry James of Jackson, who was registered at the Birmingham, was one of the most entertaining of the colonels. He was as bery as the old school of Kentucky colonels, and he flamed up to the bursting point when resenting the charges that have been made against Breathitt county. "Slanders, suh, damme, slanders, suh," he began. "Occasionally we hear of a man being killed in Breathitt, but you can always get your boots, suh, that he met his death fairly. I note, suh, from one of your afternoon newspapers, that you have an occasional

FIRE FIGHTERS WERE KEPT ON JUMP ALL DAY YESTERDAY

Yesterday was a cold day, and everything was trying to warm up, judging from the number of runs made by the fire department. The men were kept hard at it from 10:15 o'clock Monday night until dark Tuesday night. Hardly would they get back into their stations from one run until another alarm would come in.

At 9:15 o'clock Monday night they were called to 2221 Fifth avenue, north, to extinguish a fire which had broken out in the woodwork about a grate.

Then a fire was discovered among the ruins of the Molton building shortly after 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, and they laid a line into the ruins and put out the blaze.

At 2:10 o'clock Tuesday morning fire was discovered in the Alabama Great Southern freight house at Second, avenue and Twenty-ninth street. The thermometer was reading about 14 degrees above at the time. No serious damage was done.

Things were quiet then until 7:55 o'clock, when an uptown alarm came in and sent stations Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 6 rushing to 2221 First avenue, which is occupied by Pepe Giuseppe. No damage resulted.

They had hardly returned when a false alarm came from the Dewberry Drug company's store at Second avenue and Twenty-second street and brought the same crowd back uptown. This was at 8:30 o'clock.

Frank B. Kelly's house at 1117 Thirteenth avenue, north, caught fire and stations Nos. 11 and 5 went out at 9:46 o'clock Tuesday morning. The roof burned off the house. There was about a \$500 or \$600 damage.

The home of the children of the late Dan Donohue, 340, Highland avenue, caught fire at 10:11 o'clock and stations Nos. 2, 3 and 4 went out there to attend to it. There was no material damage done.

Closely following this at 10:30 there was

a fire at 1065 North Twenty-fifth street, the house of G. H. Ware. About \$10 worth of damage was inflicted by a spark on the roof. Stations Nos. 1, 4 and 6 caught it.

At 11:34 a run was made to Twenty-ninth street, between Avenues G and H, but there was no damage done.

A negro house, 929 Sixth alley, caught fire from a spark on the roof at 12:17 yesterday afternoon, but was put out before any damage resulted. The damage was about \$1.

The house occupied by one McCluskey at Juniper avenue and Twenty-ninth street got into the fracas at 12:11, but was not damaged to a great extent.

Shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon another blaze was discovered in the ruins of the Molton building, caused from the smoldering wall paper. It was put out.

At 3:10 o'clock a fire was discovered by the men on station No. 7 at 917 Woodland avenue. Companies 2, 3 and 4 answered the alarm. The damage was \$1500 approximately.

To add to the merriment some kindly disposed individual called main 545 about 8:30 o'clock last night and said that there was a great big fire at Railroad avenue and Eighteenth street. This brought stations Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 6 on the dead run but they could not find anything to put water on and came back.

A hurry up call came in about 9:55 o'clock last night from Eighteenth street, between Avenues G and H. Stations Nos. 2, 3 and 7 went over there and fought for about an hour and a half. About \$1000 damage was inflicted to the house occupied by Walter Messerole by the roof being burned off.

While the false alarm to Railroad avenue and Eighteenth street was being attended to Station No. 11 came over to Station No. 1 as is the custom, and in going back broke something and was out of service for about three hours. They finally had to leave their wagon downtown and take one of the new 80 horsepower machines and go back into service with that.

ALABAMA TO GET A ZION COLONY

About 6000 Acres of Land Will Be Developed in Washington County

That preliminary steps have been taken for the incorporation of a new city of Zion in Washington county, and that it will be inhabited by a score of families who have remained faithful to the memory and teachings of John Alexander Dowrie, was news brought to Birmingham yesterday by Tennant Truman of Chicago.

"I am en route at the present time," stated the disciple of the late Dowrie, "to make arrangements for the arrival of the remainder of the followers of the faith. The colony will be under the guidance of Rupert Devereaux, and will consist of about 75 people."

"We have purchased a tract of land consisting of 6000 acres, and trust that we will be able to follow our religious teachings and beliefs unmolested. It is our purpose to develop our property into splendid farming land and to grow and raise that which we shall need for our bodily welfare and that of our animals. We feel that we will be like Moses who led his faithful out of Egypt into the promised land."

Quit Ritualistic Ceremonies

San Jose, Cal., January 15.—The Baptist church of Los Gatos, of which the Rev. Robert Whitaker, professor of socialist and iconoclast, is the pastor, has announced that all ritualistic ceremonies in the church shall be omitted, and that the ordinances of baptism be optional for those seeking membership. This virtually throws the membership open to all creeds and classes.

killers here. Horrible, suh, horrible—not the killings, suh, but the widespread advertising. You could not find, suh, a newspaper in Kentucky which would so blacken the reputation of the state. It reminds, suh, too much of that vile bird which befools its own nest. Breathitt is beautiful, the country is beautiful, the people are beautiful, the land is beautiful. I repeat, suh, the slanders against the good name of Breathitt, suh, should be wiped out in blood. The county is the garden spot of the world."

It is said that as a result of the visit of the Kentucky colonels the "barkeepers" had a busy day, and their supply of night leaves was exhausted before the noon hour.

STEVE SMITH HOME BURNS TO GROUND

Handsome Edgewood Residence Totally Destroyed Yesterday Morning

The home of Stephen Smith, located in Edgewood, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning, entailing an approximate loss of \$12,000. The ashes of the handsome home had not stopped smoldering before Mr. Smith authorized the statement that he would erect another home on the site.

The fire originated from an electric wire in the garret and the entire roof was ablaze before the flames were discovered. The telephone being out of order prevented Mr. Smith from securing aid from Birmingham. Added to that misfortune was the additional fact that his private water supply was frozen and little aid could be done was to look on while the flames destroyed the property.

The home of Stephen Smith, who is president of the Edgewood Land company, was probably the handsomest private country house in this community. It was completed last June. It was situated upon an eminence overlooking the car line and the remainder of Edgewood property. It was constructed of brick and stone and stood three stories high, the upper floor being a billiard room and a den.

Mr. Smith said last night that the value of his home could not be accurately stated but it would be in the neighborhood of \$12,000. The building was insured but not to its full value.

"I wish to say that my home, which was destroyed by fire early this morning will be rebuilt where it formerly stood," said Mr. Smith last night. "The building was completely destroyed, with the possible exception of the cellar. I intend to make the burned house look like a servant's house, however, compared to the one I intend to erect in Edgewood. It had not been for the very severe cold weather this morning I am convinced that we could have controlled the fire. However, my private water system was frozen and we could do nothing further in view of the state show even lower temperatures. At Asheville zero weather was registered."

Zero at Asheville

Charlotte, N. C., January 16.—Temperatures again went to the lowest mark in years here last night and early this morning. The thermometer at the weather station this morning stood at 8 degrees above zero. A slight advance was then made. Reports from the western part of the state show even lower temperatures. At Asheville zero weather was registered.

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Local Associated Charities Is Nominated

WHAT NEW DUTIES ARE

Local Members Expected to Take Instant Relief Action in Case of Disaster in Any Locality. Membership Standards

The Associated Charities of Birmingham is now an institutional member of the American National Red Cross society, having accepted through the president, John L. Kaul, a nomination to this class of membership extended by that body a short time ago. This acceptance goes into effect at once and the local organization is now the official representative of the Red Cross association in this district.

Maj. Gen. George W. Davis of the United States army notified the Associated Charities that the central committee of this national society, of which he is chairman, has decided after due inquiry that the Birmingham Associated Charities, meeting every requirement of the regulations governing such membership, is eligible to become an institutional member.

In the event of a disaster requiring large and unusual measures of relief, the institutional member in the community in which such disaster occurs, as the executive agent of the Red Cross, will be expected to take instant relief action in the name of the Red Cross, pending the arrival of the national direction. Such emergency relief work by an institutional member will be under the supervision of the national relief board and the immediate direction of the national director.

An institutional member will not be required to collect money or supplies for Red Cross emergency relief purposes. The collection of relief funds will be left to the state boards and chapters of the Red Cross or to national headquarters, or to such other agencies as may be created for this purpose. An institutional member is to be solely an executive agent.

The following are the standards that each institutional member must be judged by before receiving a nomination to this position:

"It must maintain such relations of friendly co-operation among leading philanthropic agencies that it can assure their cordial and active co-operation in the conduct of emergency relief measures. The selection of charity organization societies for institutional membership in the Red Cross was determined by the cardinal principle of co-operation to which such societies are committed, these being the group of charitable societies in which this principle is fundamental. By co-operation is here meant a working together of agencies of various creeds and nationalities engaged in general as well as special forms of relief. It is obvious that the Red Cross cannot entrust its great interests to a local agency unless that agency is in a position to actually represent its community in a large way, commanding the general confidence of citizens and organizations. The Red Cross aims, in fact, at community representation, and selects the charity organization society as its agent, because, in the comprehensive nature of its objects, a charity organization society more nearly stands for community representation than does any other charitable agency."

"In order to fulfill its functions as an institutional member of the Red Cross, a charity organization society is expected to form a Red Cross emergency relief committee with representation thereon of the local chapter of the Red Cross, if such there be. This committee as a nucleus should be permanent, and may be temporarily enlarged upon the occurrence of a disaster requiring large and unusual emergency relief measures."

"Annually, or upon the request of the national relief board, an institutional member will be expected to submit a brief report to the Red Cross of all Red Cross emergency relief work in which it has been engaged during the year or during the period included in the request from the relief board."

SECURES FATHER TO MANAGE CAMPAIGN

Jaxon McLaughlin, candidate for the office of tax assessor, announced yesterday that he had secured the services of his father, the well known Capt. J. Felix McLaughlin, to manage his campaign.

Mr. McLaughlin is the first candidate for a county office to name his manager. Captain McLaughlin was for eight years tax assessor of Jefferson, and is today one of the best known and most popular men in the county.

"I intend to make an active campaign," stated Mr. McLaughlin yesterday afternoon, "and will name a manager for every beat in the county."

Others in the race for assessor are Dr. J. B. Vines and D. E. McLendon.

Marriage Licenses Issued

The following marriage licenses were issued at the probate office yesterday: J. P. Cummings of Birmingham to Miss Nell B. Huison. John Strang of Wylam to Miss Sadie Brandis. R. S. Peck of Avondale to Mrs. T. E. Peck.

UNDERWOOD IS THE PREMIER DEMOCRAT

President Atkinson Boosts Alabamian for President

LOOKING INTO MERGER

President of Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Here to Confer With Mr. Woodward Regarding the Consolidation

That Oscar W. Underwood is the premier democrat of the time, that safe conservative business men of Boston and New York would feel that in his hands the country was perfectly safe and that he would personally rejoice to see this favorite son of Alabama nominated and elected, was the statement of Harry M. Atkinson, president of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad, who was here yesterday.

Added to his indorsement of Mr. Underwood, was a statement that he came over here to confer with A. H. Woodward relative to the merger of the Birmingham Coal and Iron and the Woodward company, a statement that business was good, that it was absurd to say the Louisville and Nashville was after the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic, that the consolidation of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic would remain as it is, he believed, for several months, and other items of general interest.

In speaking of Mr. Underwood, Mr. Atkinson said: "My frequent trips to New York and Boston has convinced me that Mr. Underwood stands stronger than any man, either republican or democrat, for the nomination. He is, to my way of thinking, about the only man that embodies all those traits that are required to safeguard this country."

Republican Unrest

"From the republican camp there are cries of the deepest unrest. Mr. Taft has pleased nobody that I can find on either side. Mr. Roosevelt would be glad to come back, but I do not believe he can, and as for that crazy man, LaFollette, I am sure he has no chance at all. Mr. Underwood compared to any of the foregoing republicans is head and shoulders above them all. I am sure that Boston and New York's thoughtful men see no danger in Mr. Underwood and I know perfectly well that he would receive the New England conservative support if he is given the democratic nomination. I personally, would give anything to see Mr. Underwood receive the nomination."

In speaking of his visit here, Mr. Atkinson said: "I ran over here for a few hours to see Mr. Woodward about the merger of his company and the Birmingham Coal and Iron company. There is nothing to be done now except straighten out mere routine matters after which I believe the proposition will be closed. I am of the opinion that the entire arrangement will be ended by February 1, at the latest. Of course any one can realize that in such a business transaction there are hundreds of small matters to be straightened out in order to satisfy everyone connected with such a proposition. The deal has been thoroughly made as for that matter and there is nothing to keep it from being consummated at once except the small details of which I speak."

Rumors False

Referring to the continual rumor as to his company being bought by the Louisville and Nashville railroad, President Atkinson said: "There is absolutely not the slightest particle of truth to that rumor. It has been continually circulated, but it is absolutely without foundation. The Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic is not negotiating with the Louisville and Nashville to sell its property, either directly or indirectly, and any rumors otherwise are pure buncombe."

"Business is very good," concluded Mr. Atkinson, "we have been able to show a substantial increase month by month on our line, and I think the situation is decidedly encouraging. Our company has recently entered the market for 19 new locomotives which will be secured within a short time. We have no orders under contemplation for additional equipment. The general situation is very encouraging and as far as Birmingham is concerned, I see exceptional activity here. I do not anticipate that the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic receivers will be removed any time soon. The plan to reorganize the road has been discouraged, and rightly so, I think."

Mr. Atkinson was accompanied to Birmingham only by his secretary. He visited President George Gordon Crawford of the Tennessee company, and other local industrial leaders and left at 8 o'clock over the Seaboard for New York. He will go later to Boston.

Incorporation

Articles of incorporation were filed with the probate judge yesterday as follows: The Ensley Installment company. The new firm is organized for the purpose of carrying on a general retail business with its headquarters in Ensley. It begins business with a capital stock of \$5500. The directors are J. K. Cook, C. Arnold and E. L. Swann.

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